

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 221 – HB 482

April 10, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires physicians in a hospital emergency department who have been presented with a case involving an overdose of a controlled substance to consult the controlled substance database and check whether such patient has been prescribed a controlled substance. If such substance has been prescribed, the physician is required to report the overdose to the Board of Medical Examiners and any other appropriate health-related board.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006710): Deletes the original bill. Requires an attending physician in a hospital emergency department who has been presented with a case involving an overdose of a controlled substance to send a report to the Department of Health that includes the name of the patient, any necessary identifying information, and any additional information the physician deems pertinent at the time of the report. Requires the Department of Health to develop a form that can be used by hospital emergency departments to report the names of the persons who present with an overdose.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Department of Health will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to create the necessary form.
- The Department will incur no significant increase in expenditures to receive these forms and collect any provided information from hospital emergency departments.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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